

# AIRPORTS DEPARTMENT UPDATE AND HIGHLIGHTS

# MAJOR PROJECTS UNDERWAY

### **Public Safety Move Scheduled for June**

• Final touches for the relocation and remodel of the new Public Safety offices (located at the Airports Administration Building and in the Airport terminal) will be complete by mid-June. Public Safety staff should be relocated by the end of June, followed by the demolition of the old building located on Ashley; making way for construction of the \$27 million consolidated rental car facility.

### **Consolidated Rental Car Project**

• On May 31<sup>st</sup>, Citigroup in NYC sold \$22 million in general airport revenue bonds in support of the consolidated rental car facility project. This is terrific news as we received a very good rate of interest and this action assures that the project will be started next month. Groundbreaking is scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup>! Final approval of construction bids will go before Council on June 12th with a scheduled completion date of December, 2008. This project will encompass 13 acres and provides a conveniently shaded on-site location for rental car transactions. All six rental car agencies have collaborated in the design and effort to make this state-of-the-art, customer- friendly facility a reality. It will truly be a showcase for our Airport and for the San Joaquin Valley!

## Solar Energy Project Larger than Any Airport in the U.S.

Design is just about complete for the installation of the largest solar project at any airport in the country! Approximately five acres of solar panels will be installed as shade cover for the new ready/return rental car lot and an additional 20 acres of panels will be installed on Airport land located along Clovis Avenue. The system is projected to provide the Airport with up to 40% of its power needs. Construction is scheduled to begin in June and be completed by April 2008.

## **New Loading Bridges due to Arrive June 16th**

When completed, the concourse will include six passenger loading bridges (PLB). Delivery and installation of the last two PLB's will occur between June 18th and June 28th. Once the last two are installed, more flights will be able to use these customer convenient bridges.

#### **FUTURE PLANS AND PROJECTS – Update on Project Status**

#### A "Sense of Place" ~ Terminal Lobby Remodel

Our goal is to create an indelible impression of Fresno on all who visit our airport. A "sense of place" is the idea behind a special area being planned for the new terminal lobby. Complete with life-like Sequoias, a feeling of the nearby Sierra Nevada's will greet each passenger who frequents our terminal. Upon entering the lobby, they will know they have arrived at Fresno Yosemite International! Construction of the first phase of the terminal lobby remodel is scheduled to begin in October 2007; with a planned completion date of late 2009.

## **Baggage Claim Expansion and Security Checkpoint Expansion**

- This project will expand the Baggage Claim building; and is also a part of the terminal improvement program. We are hopeful that acceptable bids will be received, and, if so, construction is scheduled to begin in October, 2007 and be completed by late 2009.
- Expansion and relocation of the existing security checkpoint is also a part of the terminal improvement program, and construction is scheduled to begin in October 2007 and be completed by late 2009.

#### **AIRLINES TAKE OFF AT FY!!**

- Mexicana Completes It's First Year in Fresno. April, 2007 marked the one year anniversary of international service in Fresno. Over 45,000 passengers flew on Mexicana Airlines during this inaugural year, and the prospect for increased passenger travel seems certain.
- ExpressJet Begins New Service in Fresno. April 30<sup>th</sup> marked the beginning of new direct air service from Fresno to Ontario, followed on May 14<sup>th</sup> with direct flights from Fresno to San Diego.